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1. Japanese patent publication no. 5-98147.
2. Japanese patent publication no. 10-292053.
3. Japanese patent publication no. 6-192563.
4. Japanese patent publication no. 4-168142.
5. Japanese patent publication no. 4-173857.
6. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239547.
7. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239556.
8. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239557.
9. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239558.
10. Japanese patent publication no. 11-335549.

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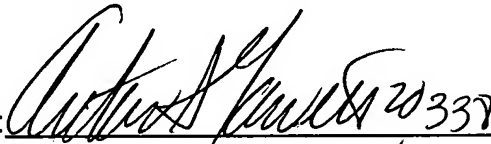
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